

sequently added for Wales, and the donation already mentioned promised, as the Committee have £2,000 annually at their disposal. But the idea was really initiated long before 1887. In 1862, Mr. Rathbone, M.P., established in Liverpool an organisation to nurse the poor at their own homes. He raised £4,000 in donations and £1,000 per annum in subscriptions. Liverpool was divided into eighteen districts, a Trained Nurse being appointed to each, and various societies and philanthropic individuals undertook to supply the necessary medicines, appliances, &c.

It seems that at Cardiff the town will be divided into districts, to which Nurses will be allotted. On the recommendation of district visitors, clergymen, doctors, or any responsible person, a Nurse will visit the house of a poverty-stricken invalid, and not only by her own efforts, but by the instructions and example she will give to the other members of the family, she will be able, in a very short time, to alleviate the sufferings and perhaps hasten the recovery of the sick person. What can be more sad and deplorable than the position of, say, a poor wife and mother who is sick, and who is absolutely devoid of the means to procure attendance for herself or her children? A Trained Nurse would in a few minutes do much to set straight a distracted and disorderly household. No one but those whose professions or pursuits bring them in contact with the misery and disease of a large town can know the wretchedness in which poor people often are, or appreciate the effect of the attendance, for a short period daily, of a Trained Nurse.

DR. SHEEN then went on to remark that as Cardiff has been selected as the *locale* of the movement, some people who were interested in other parts of the Principality failed to see the advantages they would reap from the scheme. This, however, was readily answered. Granted that District Nursing was an advisable thing in itself, it was surely necessary that the Trained Nurses should come from a Central Institution. Candidates for the position of Nurse would join the establishment at Cardiff, where they would spend a novitiate under the guidance of the Lady Superintendent. The requisite Hospital training for twelve months could be obtained at the Infirmary, and three months' maternity training was also to be had at the Workhouse Hospital. Thus an efficient staff would be secured to attend to all needs, and the bilingual difficulty be overcome. Of course, all that is needed is money. For the scheme of District Nursing is claimed the following advantages: It teaches people to nurse their own sick;

it makes them acquainted with sanitary matters; it tends to prevent and shorten illness; it often prevents whole families from sinking into helpless poverty. As Dr. Sheen says: "This is a noble work, one in which all, high and low, irrespective of creed or party, should take an enthusiastic and practical interest."

I HEAR that Miss Flood has commenced her duties as Matron of the Newport and County Infirmary to which she was recently appointed. Miss Flood was trained at Guy's, and two years ago became Sister-in-charge of the Female Wards of the Cardiff Infirmary, a post which she has held until now.

I AM glad to hear that Miss Frances Hughes has been appointed Matron of the Kensington Infirmary in succession to Miss Close, whose election at the Newcastle-on-Tyne Infirmary I chronicled in these columns some few weeks ago. Miss Hughes, who has, I believe, been Matron of the Mile End Infirmary for some years, has, I am told, won golden opinions by her energy and success there. Talking of Miss Close reminds me of the latest perversion of the truth practised by a contemporary. Although doubtless well aware that nearly every Hospital appointment is now obtained by Members of the B.N.A., it gravely asks its readers to believe that a certain lady had failed to gain the appointment at Newcastle because of her prominent connection with the B.N.A., but conveniently omitted to add that she did not succeed for the simple reason that an equally prominent Member of the B.N.A. was elected.

I AM glad to learn that the proprietors of this Journal are about to publish, under the title of "*The Nursing Record Series*," a number of "Nursing manuals and text books." The first to be issued will be "Lectures to Nurses on Antiseptics in Surgery," by E. Stanmore Bishop, F.R.C.S. Eng., which have recently appeared in these pages, meeting with considerable approbation. The lectures will be revised by the author himself. This will be the first serious contribution towards a recognised standard library for Nurses, and I understand that it is the intention of the proprietors to extend the series in such a way that it will embrace all departments of Nursing work.

THE books will be neatly bound, and will be sold at prices easily within the reach of Nurses, who I feel sure will appreciate them.

IT is with considerable pleasure I learn that the pioneer training school of Tennessee, U.S.A.—

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